



UB Highlights

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News & Events for May 1-15, 2015

LATE BUT GREAT

This information arrived too late for the last Highlights issue, but there is still time for you to participate!

An Historical Moment

Friday, April 24, 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the initial demolition of Schine Hall, the residence hall on University Avenue at Rennell Street, that has stood empty since 1992. A groundbreaking for UB's new residence hall across the way, at 41 Rennell Street, will follow. A raffle will determine the UB student who will start the demolition; he or she will also win \$100 in dining dollars. Ten additional students will be awarded "shovel duty." Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 in the Student Center (Office of Dean of Students, Office of Campus Activities) and the Office of Residential Life (rear entrance to Seeley Hall), Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ticket proceeds will benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The drawing will take place at 9 a.m. Friday, April 24, with winners notified by cell phone.

Schine Down 2015

Sunday, April 26, 3 p.m.

Alumni, especially those who lived in Schine during the 21 years it was open, are invited to a reunion featuring a barbeque, music, commemorative T-shirts, and more. For information, email alumni@bridgeport.edu.

Accepted Students Day

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Students whose applications to study at UB have been accepted are invited to campus, where they will have a chance to sample what it's like to be a UB student. Activities begin in the Wheeler Recreation Center and include a continental breakfast reception, student clubs and organizations fair, a classroom "test drive," lunch with current students and faculty, and financial aid assistance. Register online or contact **Jessica Crowley**, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu, for more information.



Purple Knights Home Athletic Events May 1-15, 2015



Baseball

**May 2 (Sat.), 12 and 3 p.m., St. Thomas
Aquinas @ Harbor Yard**

**[Thurs-Sat., May 7-9, ECC Tournament,
details TBA]**

Saturday Morning Tour

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.-noon

The Office of Admissions conducts weekday campus tours at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. For students and families unable to join us on a weekday, campus tours on Saturday mornings begin at 11 a.m., from the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Register online or contact **Miguel Arroyo**, marroyo@bridgeport.edu.



9th SASD Alumni Event

Saturday, May 2, 4-6 p.m.

UB Design alumni are invited to a celebration of the accomplishments of **Michael Laude '77**, director of Bose Corporate Design Center and a Red Dot Design Award winner. Conviviate with old and new friends and enjoy complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres while viewing the 2015 Senior Design Exhibition in the Schelfhauadt Gallery of the Bernhard Center. RSVP to 203-576-4034 or kbuckley@bridgeport.edu. Hosted by UB Trustee **Art Landi ID '74**.



Financial Aid Night

Wednesday, May 6, 6-8 p.m.

Prospective students are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for an informative presentation about paying for college. Students will have an opportunity to meet with a financial aid counselor regarding financial aid packages. Register online or contact **Jessica Crowley**, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu, for more information.



Honors and Awards

Friday, May 8, All Afternoon

The following ceremonies honoring graduating students are open to their guests and the UB community:

- 1-3 p.m.**, College of Public and International Affairs, Bernhard Center Room 110
- 1:30-2 p.m.**, School of Arts & Sciences, Littlefield Recital Hall, Bernhard Center
- 1:30-3 p.m.**, Ernest C. Trefz School of Business and Delta Mu Delta, duPont Tower Room, Bernhard Center
- 2-3 p.m.**, School of Engineering, Bernhard Center Room 113
- 2-6 p.m. (continuous)**, Alumni and Honors Reception, Schelfhauadt Gallery, Bernhard Center. For candidates and guests following awards ceremonies. Each candidate will receive an alumni pin.
- 3-5 p.m.**, UPE, Bernhard Center Room 113
- 4-6 p.m.**, Fones School of Dental Hygiene Pinning Ceremony, Mertens Theater, Bernhard Center
- 5-7 p.m.**, MBA Reception, Ernest C. Trefz School of Business Lobby



105th UB Commencement

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.

The University of Bridgeport's 105th Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Webster Bank Arena at Harbor Yard, 600 Main Street, in Bridgeport. To join the procession, graduates of the following schools must assemble at 9 a.m.: School of Arts & Sciences, Ernest C. Trefz School of Business, School of Education, School of Engineering, Shintaro Akatsu School of Design, College of Public and International Affairs, and Fones School of Dental Hygiene (undergraduate). The procession begins at 9:35; the ceremony follows at 10 a.m. and is expected to conclude at 12:15. Golden Knights alumni of 1965 will join the ceremony on their 50th anniversary. For more information email ubcommencement2015@bridgeport.edu.



Health Sciences Commencement

Monday, May 11, 2 p.m.

Conferral of degrees will take place for the candidates of the Acupuncture Institute, College of Chiropractic, Fones School of Dental Hygiene (graduate), Human Nutrition Institute, College of Naturopathic Medicine, and Physician Assistant Institute, in the Bernhard Center's Mertens Theater. Candidates must assemble by 1:30 p.m. A reception for graduates and their guests will follow in the Schelfhauadt Gallery. For more information email ubcommencement2015@bridgeport.edu.



FACULTY RESEARCH DAY AWARDS GRADUATE STUDENTS

- First Place:** *Toufique Rahman Chowdhury*, Electrical Engineering (advisor *Jeongkyu Lee*): "Analysis of Call Data Record (CDR) Using Hadoop Cluster"
- Second Place:** *Zihe Zhao*, Computer Science & Engineering (advisor *Prabir Patra*): "Image Processing Tool for the Microorganism Cell Counting and Its Recognition"
- Third Place:** *Beltina Gjelooshi*, Global Development & Peace (advisor *Dave Benjamin*): "Conflict in the Heart of Africa: the CAR"
- Honorable Mention:** *Rebecca Bruckenstein*, Global Development & Peace (advisor *Dave Benjamin*): "The Informal Economy: Women's Role in Economic Growth in Vietnam"
- Honorable Mention:** *Vamshi Gudipati*, Computer Science & Engineering (advisor *Abdulshakour Abuzneid*): "Detection of Trojan Horse by Analysis of System Behavior and Data Packets"
- Honorable Mention:** *Simona Serban*, Global Media and Communication Studies (advisor *Mohammed Al Azdee*): "Persuasive Media Information and Voting Behavior Demographics As Moderators of Online Effects"

IDEAL Info Sessions

Wednesday, May 13, 6-7 p.m.

Information will be offered on UB's popular adult degree-completion program at the Bridgeport (Wahlstrom Library, first floor, Discovery Pavilion), Waterbury (84 Progress Lane), and Stamford (5 Riverbend Drive) locations. To register, or for more information, visit www.bridgeport.edu/ideal. Those who are unable to attend the information sessions may arrange an appointment with an admissions counselor by emailing idealinfo@bridgeport.edu or calling 203-576-4800.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Last Day of Classes

Undergraduate, Graduate: Friday, May 1
Health Sciences: Friday, May 15

Final Examination Week

Undergraduate, Graduate: Monday-Friday, May 4-8
Health Sciences: Monday-Friday, May 18-22

Final Grades Due

Undergraduate, Graduate: Monday, May 11
Health Sciences: Monday, May 25

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

HUMAN SERVICES

Faustino De La Cruz, Human Services senior and a resident advisor, was awarded a 2015 Community Service Award by the Connecticut Commission on Community Service and the Office of Higher Education on April 14 at the State Capitol. Faustino founded the UB Chapter of Build On and has led service projects including cleaning up streets and cooking meals for homeless veterans. He volunteers several times a week at the Bridgeport YMCA.

ENGINEERING

Wafa Elmannai, a doctoral candidate in computer science and engineering, has been awarded a 2015-16 American Association of University Women International Fellowship. Wafa was the only Connecticut student this year to win the \$20,000 prize, and she is eligible to have it renewed for a second year. She will use the award to advance her work on a device to aid the mobility of visually impaired people. Her advisor is UB Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research **Khaled Elleithy**. Read more about Wafa in "News and Events," at www.bridgeport.edu.

Good News

- The Helmsley Charitable Trust supporting STEM education has awarded Yale's Center for Teaching and Learning a grant to fund four postdoctoral fellowships for scholars teaching introductory math and physics courses at Yale, the University of Bridgeport and Housatonic Community College. For more information, read Yale's press release at <http://news.yale.edu/2015/03/23/helmsley-charitable-trust-supports-stem-education-yale>.
- **Tarek Sobh**, dean of UB's School of Engineering and senior vice-president for graduate studies and research, was invited to brief White House officials on March 24 on "Grand Challenges for Engineering," a national campaign identifying areas in need of innovative engineering solutions. Ninety deans from U.S. engineering schools were included in the event, which recognized them for their commitment to engineering innovation. See more under "News Details" at www.bridgeport.edu.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

Diane Krumrey, associate professor of English, has been selected to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, in Concord, MA, on the topic of "Transcendentalism and Reform in the Age of Emerson, Thoreau, and Fuller." She will study with 12 senior scholars in her area of research. For more, see "News Details," www.bridgeport.edu.

David W. Kraft, professor of mathematics and physics, serves on the board of directors of a unit associated with Penn State's graduate school and was invited to attend weekend briefings led by Penn's dean of the graduate school and its vice-president for research.

CHIROPRACTIC

James Lehman, associate professor of clinical sciences, has been chosen to serve as an expert in the Chronic Pain Breakthrough Collaborative of the Samuel Institute. Dr. Lehman is director of Health Sciences Postgraduate Education at UB and is a board-certified chiropractic orthopedist. See more at www.samuelinstitute.org/.

Stephen M. Perle, professor of clinical sciences, returned to France in April for his third year teaching at Institut Franco Européen de Chiropractique. He will teach at both their Paris and their Toulouse campuses, with a mission of enriching chiropractic students' understanding of fundamental issues.

ENGINEERING

Sarosh H. Patel, Ph.D. '14, a post-doctoral student, and **Lawrence Hmurcik**, professor of electrical engineering, published an article in *Electrical Construction and Maintenance* about the electrocution of a worker servicing a fan. All of the nearby high-power appliances were found to be safe, and Patel and Hmurcik determined that the culprit was the exposed low-powered computer control circuit that guided the fan: a reminder that even low-powered computer hardware has deadly potential.

UNIVERSITY COUNSEL

Carolyn Linsey, UB's general counsel, is being honored by the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association with its Distinguished Service Award, the association's highest honor, on May 12, for her many services to the community.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.